

## COMMENT &amp; DISCOMMENT

Among the poets of this present day civilization may be listed the vast majority of after-dinner speakers who have little or nothing to say and yet can't say it without taking an hour or two to do so. After-dinner talking is a most difficult art, and some of the brightest minds in the country have fallen down in the practice thereof. Now and then some unknown rises and brings the rafters down. This must not be taken as encouragement to unknowns in general to try their luck. After-dinner speakers are never encouraged.

Once in a while some man manages to ring the bell, and those who have little speeches to make are invited to look over the following and either memorize parts of it or follow the model. It runs in our mind that the first time we saw this in print, it was said to have happened in Boston, but the last time someone else was accused of doing it. Frankly, we'd give credit if we knew where credit was due, but this seems to be impossible. However, it's a good speech, and might well serve as a model or a study in connection with your correspondence course:

"Mr. Chairman: I am much obliged for that flattering introduction, but I would like to say to the audience that Mr. Sibley can't kid me. Anyway, the only writers nowadays who amount to anything are the guys who are writing prescriptions. However, I am glad to be the first act on a bill which Mr. Daly headlines. In conversation with him at the dinner upstairs, he told me that he was working for the Philadelphia Record. Considering that he is the father of nine children, he already has a record. If he keeps on at that rate he has established for himself, the democratic party of Pennsylvania will amount to something at last.

"However, for the next four years, we must depend upon the republican party and I think we can all safely depend on that part of the ticket which comes from Massachusetts (applause). We all know that when Calvin Coolidge goes to Washington he will be successful in everything except getting an apartment for 32 a month. Calvin Coolidge has the opportunity of being the greatest vice president we ever had, with the possible exception of Simon Swig.

"But gentlemen, we need strong men in these distressing times. With business duller than a wooden Indian's tomahawk, Ford pokes are the only parts of the machine that are being assembled, while Ford is trying to get buyers out of retrenchment by Washington's birthday. Meanwhile with depression going on, we find that the tired workman is not so cheery as he has been. It is a very different thing than now, when the tired workman, with very little in his pocket, brings a two-fisted appetite into a one-armed lunch room. Today the electricians

are killing less time per kilowatt-hour, and the plumbers remember to bring all their tools. The typographical union charges less for typographical errors; and bank clerks are now willing to work for six months without knowing the vault's combination.

"Ah, gentlemen, it seems sad to think of the poverty and misery there is throughout the land. I understand that some families are already down to their last thousand of phonograph needles. This is the first season for a long time that the snow shovellers haven't been up to their neck in work. Second story workers are now willing to break into bungalows. The movie actors are in dire straits, some of them setting gold-plated wolf traps on their front verandas. A lot more are only carrying two spare tires, and some actresses have given up cream baths, and are now bathing in skimmed milk.

"Business is rotten everywhere. Guys that used to smoke excellent cigarettes are now rolling their own or borrowing them from some other fellow. Eight-day clocks have been reduced to six days, with 2 hours off for cash. Under the torrent of slumping prices, orchids have crashed to \$16 a petal. But foreign exchange is better. The mark is worth a cent and a half in Germany, but over here marks are worth ten cents apiece on any sucker list. As if we haven't enough trouble, the blue-law reformers are butting in; they want to eliminate our Sunday and make out of us a six-day race. As I understand a reformer, he is a guy who inspects the milk of human kindness, and sees only bacteria, as the cream goes slipping by. The reformer believes in law and order; the law for you and the orders from him. If they have their way, gentlemen, you will soon be buying your Sunday papers from your favorite bootleggers. Patrick Henry asked for liberty or death, and he got his second choice.

"There is, however, one redeeming feature of our national life. I refer to the women. You remember how, 3 or 4 years ago, the women were saving cloth to put into soldier's uniforms and thereby help win the war. Gentlemen, after walking down Tremont street I am impressed by the fact that the women are now trying to win the next war. This winter the girls have got shorter skirts without striking for them. I would like to state that a short skirt is a great thing, unless the girl is bowlegged, or the guy is near-sighted; and it is even suspected today that the department stores are getting hair nets in smaller sizes and selling them for stockings. In the old days, Mary had a little lamb that followed her to school. Today, if Mary has two fair-sized calves, the hosiery inspectors do the following. The real sight-seers in Boston don't go around on rubber heels. A year ago, the traffic cops at Tremont and Boston streets had to stop the chauffeurs to let the girls pass. Now the traffic police have to start the chauffeurs, after the chauffeurs have watched the girls go by.

"It is a curious fact that a girl with nothing above the neck has generally a plenty below the belt. That is why stenographers are now generally hired for their short skirts, instead of their shorthands. They used to hitch price-tags on waists; now they take the waist and attach it to the price tag. A girl has more on, going to a shower bath, than she has when going to a show—and they wear less on the stage than they do in the audience. Over in New York this week, Mary Garden sang 'Salome' clad in twenty-eight beads, and twenty-two of them were perspiration.

"I hate to take you from this delicious topic, but there are some reforms I would like to discuss. Today the country's greatest industry is tax and not a drop to drink. We common people get it in the neck. We are 100 per cent American when we buy Liberty bonds and 85 per cent American when we sell them. We pay \$7,500 a collecting. Taxes, taxes everywhere, year for a congressman to represent us in Washington, and all we get is a package of seeds. If the landlord's wife wants a new necklace, your rent goes up. If Rockefeller loses a couple of golf balls, up goes the price of gasoline. Since prohibition went into effect the government lets us stagger from taxes. Gentlemen, when you think it over, you pay a poll tax for voting, an amusement tax for laughing, a Pullman tax for sleeping, an income tax for working, and an inheritance tax for dying. It wouldn't surprise me if there would soon be a luxury tax on going to hell. We may not know the words of the 'Star Spangled Banner,' but we certainly know the cost of 'Our Country, 'Tis of Thee.' If the incoming republican force, with Harding, Coolidge and the rest of them will only relieve us poor common people of the burdens that we are now shouldering, it will be the greatest thing that has ever happened to the republican party since Bryan ran for president."

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Dean J. J. Dixon of St. Matthew's Episcopal church of Alliance, announced this morning that he has accepted a call from the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming and that he will leave the city on July 1st to take up his work at the towns of Basin and Greybull. Dean Dixon stated that he had accepted this call on June 5th. He is at present commander of Alliance Post No. 7, American Legion, which place he will resign upon leaving.

Mrs. Charles E. Adams and son, Charles, Jr., returned Saturday morning from a three months trip in the south, where they visited with Mrs. Adams' parents at Fayetteville Ark. Miss Florence Collins of Springdale, Ark., a sister of Mrs. Adams, accompanied them here and is making and extended visit in Alliance.

Clement Kniest, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kniest of this city, has been chosen to attend the citizens' training camp at Ft. Snelling. Mr. Kniest made application for admission to Major Leman of Ft. Crook, who has charge of applications from this district. He will leave the latter part of July and be in training during the month of August. The training camp is a government institution and is free to those chosen to attend.

Miss Mabel Sward left the first part of the week for the west coast, where she will spend a month's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Burr, Sr., who have been visiting their sons in Alliance the past few days, returned to their home at Aurora this morning.

Mrs. X. W. Kynett of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Griggs.

Mr. Carey, rancher of near Broncho Lake, and an old settler in this part of the country, who has been in poor health for some time past, left last night for Rochester to consult with the Mayo specialists.

Mrs. A. G. Smart return this morning from Seattle, Wash., where she has spent the past three months on account of the serious illness of her father.

The census bureau reports that the foreign-born population is 13,703,937, or about 8 per cent, which indicates that some of the foreign born are making a disproportionate amount of noise.

Another reason why some women do not object to their husbands playing poker is, they get a measly percentage of the winnings, and never hear of the losing games at all.

Do you remember in the old detective stories there was always a quiet man who stepped out of the crowd and said: "I am an officer"? What has become of this quiet man?

Already the statisticians are beginning to worry about next winter's coal shortage, but the effects of the regular annual ice shortage are not yet manifested.

The tailors have decreed longer trousers for men, but most of us in the era of high prices have worn ours much longer than we want to.

Modesty in woman's dress is a matter of taste and geography; the Turks cover their women up from head to heels.

When the neighbor's rooster gets the daylight-saving craze there is likely to be trouble.

The man who lost his mustache in a kerosene explosion certainly had a close shave.

An open summer is one that a man gets by without taking stock in a rain-making machine.

It is all right to charge the war against experience, but somebody must pay for the experience.

Women are buying more clothes than men, but men continue to wear more clothes than women.

A lot of things happen because so many persons are overconfident of their ability to dodge trouble.

The fact that gasoline is down should not encourage the belief that money can be saved burning more of it.

There is more talk about the brotherhood of man, but it is the sisterhood of women that is making real headway.

Mr. Lenine is on record that he is tired of the revolution, and the revolution is on record that it is tired of Mr. Lenine.

At that, the current appeals by business men for "more honesty in business" are not altogether complimentary to business.

Nature may again get a square deal when the fashion changes and the girls wash their faces instead of powdering them.

With so many people chewing the rag, cotton ought to go up soon.

Does the appointment of women to embassy posts mean the end of secret diplomacy?

With so many things ailing the building industry it is a wonder it has survived at all.

China has adopted the income tax and the world boasts 500,000,000 more souls of anguish.

At the same time there is a good deal of difference between being thrifty and being stingy.

Geographers say that Yap really ought to be spelled Guap, but it sounds funny however you spell it.

Headline avers: "Flour, Eggs and Butter Hit Toboggan." It should be a cake when it hits the bottom.

## PERSONALS

Clifford Lester returned Friday from a visit at Bayard.

J. Klenke of Hemingford was a business visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Lohn Line of Antioch visited friends in town over Sunday.

Fred Cutts returned from the Shriners' convention at Des Moines.

Robert Atz returned to Casper after a few days' visit with home folks.

Mae Menge of Hemingford was a business shopper in town Saturday.

Harold Gavin spent Sunday in Hot Springs, returning Monday morning.

F. O. Hershman returned from an extended visit with his parents at Tefft, Ind.

Mrs. C. A. Davidson and daughter of Hemingford were shoppers in Alliance Monday.

Mrs. James Digh of Wymore returned home after a visit at the home of H. E. Felter.

M. N. Bates of Crawford was looking after business matters in Alliance the last of the week.

Mrs. Addie Sewall of Bayard is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Fite.

Winifred Guier, a member of the Boy Scout band, remained over Sunday and visited with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Luellan and Mr. and Mrs. Venell of Angola attended the races and visited with friends.

Mrs. J. S. Robbins and daughter, Evelyn, went to Edgemont, S. D., to visit her sister, Mrs. Forest Lape.

Mrs. Blanche Prettyman and daughter returned Monday from a ten days' visit with her mother at Havana, Ill.

Robert Driscoll and family returned from an enjoyable two weeks' vacation spent at Chicago and other eastern points.

Mrs. Howes of Antioch visited in Alliance between trains. She was returning from a visit to her childhood home.

Raymond Brown returned from Chadron where he delivered a Dodge car for the local dealers, Lowry & Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Moore of Ellsworth were visitors in our city the last of the week and while here they attended the races.

Link Dunn's orchestra will go to Chadron to furnish music for the first annual party for the Elks' lodge at that place.

Mrs. Bessie Huckabee of Casper, formerly Miss Riley of this city, is making a week's visit with Miss Mattie Miller.

Miss Ada Lock returned to Lincoln Friday after a two weeks' visit with home folks. Miss Lock is attending school at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Metten left on Saturday for Marsland for a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Clark Hickey at that place.

William Floyd has returned from an extended trip to Des Moines and has again accepted a position with the A. H. Jones company.

Arthur Lock, who is attending a military school at Denver, has been enjoying a couple weeks visit with his mother, Mrs. L. M. Hawkins.

Dr. W. J. Mahaffy, formerly a dentist of Alliance and now a ranch owner near Hyannis, was a visitor in the city Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Donald, Jack and Sam Graham of the Hall & Graham ranch spent a few days at the home of their father, Robert Graham, and attended the race meet.

Mrs. Emma Mitchell and daughter, Mrs. Lyman, mother and sister of M. S. Hargraves, returned to Hay Springs Sunday after a visit at the Hargraves home.

Mrs. J. G. Beck, who spent a few days in Alliance, returned to Lakeside, and will make preparations to move her household goods to Alliance for the summer.

Mrs. Frank Shreve, daughter Leona and son Charles, left Saturday for Scottsbluff where they will attend the wedding of Miss Violet Osborne, formerly of this city.

## SOCIETY

## HUMPHREY-OSBORN

A wedding of interest to many Alliance people took place Monday morning at Scottsbluff, when Miss Violet Osborn became the bride of Fred Humphrey. Miss Osborn graduated from the Broken Bow high school and moved to Alliance with her parents and later to Scottsbluff where they now reside. Mr. Humphrey was graduated from the medical department of the University of Nebraska this spring and will start his practice in an Omaha hospital. Alliance guests were Mrs. Frank Shreve, daughter Leona, and son Charles.

Friends of Anna Reeves will be pleased to learn of her marriage to Henry Schwartz of Lincoln. Miss Reeves is a graduate of the Alliance high school and was employed by the American Railway Express company at this place. From here she went with the same company to Lincoln.

The Golden Rule gossamer contest closed Saturday night. Miss Alta Young winning the first prize, a mesh bag. Her guess was 693. The second prize, a vanity box, was won by Miss Leona Shreve, who guessed 696. There were 692 hair nets in the window.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sallows, Bert Duncan, Wm. Nieman, M. W. Buckley and families drove to Dunlap Sunday afternoon. The party was not planned together but they all congregated at the river and had lunch and spent the afternoon in fishing.

The M. E. Sunday school is holding a picnic in the park this evening in honor of three classes who won in the auto race which has just closed.

The wedding of George Laurence Burr, Jr., and Miss Josephine Alice Ganson took place at 10 o'clock this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smart, 803 Cheyenne avenue.

The edouard ring ceremony was used. Dean Joseph J. Dixon of St. Matthew's Episcopal church officiating. Only members of the immediate family were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr left at 1 p. m. for Custer, S. D., and plan to spend two weeks at Sylvan Lake. On their return they will be at home at No. 12 Flora apartments.

The P. E. O.'s are giving a party Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. at the home of F. L. Harris in honor of Mrs. G. L. Griggs who will leave soon for her new home at Beardstown, Ind.

On Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m. Mrs. Frank will entertain at a luncheon in Mrs. Griggs' honor. Only members of the P. E. O. are invited.

Mrs. E. B. O'Keefe entertained Monday evening in honor of Miss Marian Mote, whose marriage will take place Friday afternoon. The evening was spent in playing monte carlo whilst Ruth Morris won the prize for high score, which she gave to the guest of honor. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. E. G. Bauman entertained the Fortnightly club Monday evening. The greater part of the evening was spent in a Kensington. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. E. C. McManus will entertain the Thursday bridge club this week. The luncheon will be served at 1:30.

The ladies circle of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Miskiman, Duncan's addition, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Tooley returned yesterday from an extended trip through the east.

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